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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was mixed, fully steady to firm in the East, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair, best for features. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were adequate to tight as plants prepared for another week of reduced schedules due to the holidays. In the parts structure, wings remained in the tightest position and showed good movement. The remaining items were at least sufficient or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/31/01-01/04/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	51.00-53.00	51.53	16	53.71	24
Chicago	46.00-49.00	48.36	39	50.47	72
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.63	20
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	62.91	11
Denver	67.50	67.46	17	65.81	21
Detroit	47.00-50.00	49.30	10	54.00	38
Los Angeles	68.00	65.65	67	61.85	171
New York	46.00-48.00	47.57	23	49.83	45
Philadelphia	47.50-49.00	47.50	10	47.83	21
Pittsburgh	47.50-50.00	47.50	10	55.01	56
St. Louis	48.25-48.50	48.19	17	50.22	37
San Francisco	68.50	67.78	29	68.56	57

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/31/01	Change/Last Wk	12/24/01	01/01/01
573	55.66	-0.19	55.85	57.17

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.00-57.00	54.38	36
Central	51.00-56.00	54.49	59
West	52.00-63.50	59.07	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.02	77
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
988	45.00-64.05	60.86

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.50	1,410
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,876
BREASTS - WHOLE	54.50	1,168
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	780
LEG QUARTERS	27.50	9,633
WINGS	86.00	3,181

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week, however, dealers generally limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were no more than adequate to short with the lighter weights in the tightest position. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light and unaggressive. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were ample and boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were short of full needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Demand entering the extended holiday weekend was fair to active with increased interest reported. Supplies were close to tight as a result of last week's holiday with further shortages for this week due to reduced schedules. In the parts structure, trading was mixed. Wings were moving best with supplies barely adequate to short. Interest for breast items improved because of retail features and supplies were better balanced, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were unchanged from last week's reported levels. Reported trading for delivery this week were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Sizes trended heavier. Buying interest had improved where first-of-the month needs expected to increase. Demand was moderate to good, best to cover planned feature activities and fast food needs. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 26-28.5 and 28.5-31.4, 10s, breast bone-in 52-65 and boneless 115-121. The Los Angeles negotiated WOGs weighted average was up .43 to 54.20 with the volume reported up 3 percent to 32 loads for this week's delivery.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged to 1 cent higher into Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis with Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers mostly steady. Additional offerings on whole fryers light but adequate for buyer's current interest. Retail demand slow to fair. Food service movement fair to good. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes generally desirable with some spot shortages of small sized WOGs in Detroit. Supplies of wings tight, all other parts items adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment firm on wings, barely steady on breast items, steady on balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and was generally noted as sufficient in keeping current production well cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were curtailed today and plants planned to close tomorrow, Tuesday in observance of the New Year. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings remained short of an active call. Other cuts were at least adequate for immediate needs, particularly bone-in breasts and tenders.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.10
NO. OF BOXES	11,565
*8 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light entering the week as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks to a minimum due to Tuesday holiday downtime. Offerings of bone-in breasts were readily available, although, the sharper discounting centered around last week's production. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings remained the best item and were short of full needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair, and was best for the occasional promotion. The market tone remained firm on wings, barely steady on bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	119.09	303,000	
TENDERLOINS	100	96.86	57,040	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	45-46	50.31	212,040	
BREAST - LINE RUN	45	46.23	132,800	
LEGS	37-38	41.19	123,520	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.68	338,026	
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	39.73	78,980	
THIGHS	28-29	33.68	91,040	
B/S THIGHS	83-84	86.16	32,200	
WINGS (WHOLE)	86-87	93.19	197,440	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.36	33,920	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	37.54	11,160	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	56.52	28,400	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,338	104.00-123.00	104-105	113.33
TENDERLOINS	43	124.00-192.00	-	155.57
BREAST - WITH RIBS	208	43.00-84.50	-	52.29
FRONT HALVES	320	55.00-59.00	59	57.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	171	20.00-24.50	-	21.34
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,924	22.00-26.00	24.5-25	24.45
WINGS (WHOLE)	NO TRADING REPORTED			
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,163	25.50-39.00	-	25.53

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/31	12/27	12/27	12/24	12/20
ALA	2,408	4,046	5.07	(A)	5.02
ARK	2,483	5,150	5.02	(A)	4.81
DELMARVA	1,360	2,383	5.22	(A)	5.11
KY-LA-TN	1,515	2,054	4.67	(A)	4.46
MISS	2,454	2,894	5.21	(A)	5.02
NC	1,986	2,575	6.16	(A)	5.97
TEXAS	1,385	2,420	4.95	(A)	4.81
TOTAL	13,591	21,522	5.02	1,836	5.02
MON	13,591(B)			1,836(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Dec 2001 is estimated to be 20,334,000 up 638.08 percent from a week ago and up from a year ago. (Last week 2,755,000, last year 0,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	759	103.00-157.00	122-127	125.44
TENDERLOINS	101	105.00-190.00	-	135.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	56.00-64.00	58-59	57.07
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.00-48.00	33-35	33.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	364	21.00-27.00	21-22	21.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	860	23.00-29.00	25-27	25.86
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	87.00-89.00	-	87.59
WINGS (CUT)	380	98.00-110.00	99-100	101.36
DRUMSTICKS	77	42.00-49.00	-	43.45
THIGHS	55	45.00-50.00	-	46.09
B/S THIGHS	39	84.00-89.00	-	85.34

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 31, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 45.00	40.47	40.65

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 12/31/01 - 01/04/02 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	95.00 - 127.00	110.00 - 120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	43.00 - 74.00	45.00 - 50.00
LEGS	36.00 - 47.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20.00 - 29.00	24.00
DRUMSTICKS	36.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 43.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	79.00 - 90.00	83.00 - 85.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-103
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		28-DEC-2001		
		PRICES		VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)		
CHICKEN				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	-	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00			

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	13.50-14.00	701,000	420,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.91	13.59		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-15.50	11.00-13.75	1,116,000	316,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.11	12.62		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.50	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Sales of finished product were fair, production schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-DEC-01			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12	8.5-9	8.96

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		28-DEC-2001		
		PRICES		VOLUME
		(Cents per Pound)		
CHICKEN				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.00-18.00	180,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-12.50	11.00-14.25	4,720,000	920,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.59	12.14		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.75	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.75		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was generally light to fair due in part to reduced holiday schedules. Demand ranged light to moderate for adequate but reduced offerings. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-10.5	8-9	8.65
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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